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Claim 11 recites *inter alia*:

... said stiffening ribs being configured for bearing against a main face of the panel when the panel is assembled with the fixing element.

In TRAFTON, the bracket (40) has no stiffening ribs configured for bearing against a main face of the panel (52).

Thus TRAFTON cannot anticipate the present invention as recited in claim 11.

Concerning claims 15 and 16, in the Office Action, the Examiner seems to consider both the embodiments of figures 5 and 7.

Please note that embodiments of Figures 5 and 7 are completely different.

In the embodiment of Figure 7 of TRAFTON, the brackets (40) and (40') are configured so as to sandwich a panel (12).

In this embodiment, the panel (52) is not made integrally with the brackets (40) and (40') (see Figure 7 of TRAFTON).

On the contrary, in the embodiment of Figure 5 of TRAFTON, the member (36) forms part of a fence, wall, sign, etc. (see column 4, lines 43-44).

The bracket (30) of Figure 5 is not configured for sandwiching a separate panel.

Thus the man skilled in the art cannot combine in an obvious manner the embodiments of respectively Figures 5 and 7.